

SITUATION REPORT NO. 6
INCIDENT NO. 2005-138
DATE: December 20, 2005 Time: 4:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: **Severe Winter Storm** – A winter storm with heavy snow, freezing rain and high winds moved through portions of North Dakota on November 27-30, 2005, disrupting electrical power and bringing transportation to a stand-still.

2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.

DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.

3. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

4. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No change from previous reports

5. MAJOR ACTIONS: Governor John Hoeven today requested President Bush to declare a federal disaster for impacts resulting from the snow storm that moved through southeastern North Dakota on November 27-30, 2005, causing power outages, damaging electrical power infrastructure and isolating rural residents and communities.

Counties included in the disaster declaration request are Cass, Ransom, Richland and Sargent.

This represents an unprecedented third request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration required within the state in a one-year period. Hoeven requested and received approval for two declarations earlier in 2005, one for severe summer weather in June and the second for the early snowstorm of October 4-6.

Records show the maximum number of requests in a one-year period has been two.

On December 20, Governor John Hoeven upgraded the snow emergency declaration to a snow disaster in North Dakota based on the November 27-30, 2005, severe winter storm during which heavy snow, freezing rain and high winds disrupted electrical power supplies and brought transportation to a stand-still.

6. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
7. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
8. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Homeland Security's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/des>.

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